GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ASSAM PROBLEM
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the approach to counter terrorism had to be multi-dimensional as opposed to a purely military solution as reported in 'The Hindustan Times' dated 13 January, 2007;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the action so far taken by the Government to address the political, social and economical problems since the inception of the outlawed outfit 1979 ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)&(b) : The Government's policy is to hold dialogue, pursue socio-economic development programmes, modernize and strengthen the police/security forces and to tackle the activities of the militants with the help of forces to protect properties, limbs and lives of innocent people.

(c) : The Government has taken various action to address the socio-economic and political problems of the State. This interalia includes Suspension of Operations (SoO) with three militant outfits viz. United People's Democratic Solidarity (UPDS), Dima Halam Daogah (DHD) and National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB); categorization of Assam as special category State for Central Assistance; sanction of Rs. 1,187 crore for 247 projects between 1998-99 to 2006-07 out of Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR). Enhanced autonomy has been granted to the three Autonomous Council under the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India in the State of Assam.Special package for socio-economic infrastructure has also been given for the Bodoland Territorial Areas District (BTAD).